The Fruitport District Library would like to thank the people of Fruitport for their support of our November 2018 millage. We strive to be a community-centered library, and without you this would not be possible.

If you have questions, or ideas for how we can better serve you, please let us know. Visit the library, attend a board meeting, or speak with one of our staff members.

We thank you for making our Summer Reading Program a success. We also invite you to participate in our 150th anniversary survey as we collect memories of Fruitport past and present. Visit the library or our website to learn more.

Fruitport District Library Board

Township Appointed: Rose Dillon, President Marjorie Stonecypher, VP Mary Weimer, Secretary Joshua Datte, Treasurer

Village Appointed: Laura Oldt Donna Pope Ruth Woodward

Monthly library board meetings are typically held the third Wednesday of each month at the Fruitport Township Hall at 5:30 p.m.

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West Michigan Homeschool Theatre Presents ELIJAH



by Mary Baldwin, Director, WMHT

West Michigan Homeschool Theatre proudly presents ELIJAH, adapted from the novel by John Noble. This intense rendition of the epic story of the Biblical Elijah is not of the Sunday School bathrobe variety! From the evil Queen Jezebel, who wants to murder all the Prophets of Yahweh, to the showdown on Mount Carmel, where Elijah calls upon the power of the One True God, this production will be an unforgetable experience. Performances will be held March 26, 27, and 28, 2020, at the Beardsley Theatre in downtown Muskegon. Tickets will be available for purchase February 2020 at \$10.00 in advance and \$12.00 at the door.

The West Michigan Homeschool Theatre group has been bringing quality, family friendly dramatics to life onstage for over fifteen years! A sampling of our past productions include *The Secret Garden Unlocked, Martin Chuzzlewit* and Shakespeare's *As You Like It.* Our most recent show was *That 70's Mystery*. This well-received comedy included a trip down memory lane with some parodied well-known 70's television

This was the 38th year

Thank you to all the volunteers and participants that were a part of this years Old Fashioned Days race. This was the 38th year of this race and it did not disappoint. The severe rain and thunderstorms that blew through the area the night before cleared just in time for the race.

A special thank you to the Fruitport Lions Club for sponsoring the event along with the The Gear Group. This year the race was only a 5k run or walk. I received mostly good feedback about this change. The route had to be moved slightly to accommodate the construction at the High School. The route was again closed off to all traffic to provide a safe course for all participants. Officers from Fruitport Safety were present throughout the course. The Village of Fruitport DPW placed all the road closure signage that was critical to the race course staying safe. Thank you to the Lion's Club Members that made the road closure possible this year.

The Fruitport Lioness Club was on site for race day registration, bib pick up, and snacks and refreshments. They have been instrumental for many years in having race day run smoothly. Thank you for all you do!

Roque Ybarra did a fantastic job announcing the race. We look forward to having him back next year. Thank you to the Fruitport HS Football team and their coaches who came to help out on the course. They did a fantastic job! The FHS Facilities team was involved in making the HS facilities available and ready. The Knapp family very graciously helmed the two water stations on the course. Thanks for keeping everyone well hydrated!

A special thank you Heather Fett for being so helpful with registrations and race day. Thank you to the multiple Lion's Club members who assisted both on race day and leading up to race day. You are a wonderful group to work with and I am humbled by what the Lion's Club does for our community. Thank you for having me be a small part of what you do. To anyone else I missed, please know that you were greatly appreciated. This race has a lot of moving parts and relies on volunteers for success. Thank you for being a part of this great Fruitport tradition. Looking forward to next year! See everyone on Saturday, May 23rd,

Meghan Cooper, OFD race chairperson 2019

detectives, news personalities and epic 70's television commercials. Who knew you could mix Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* with Watergate and produce a fast-action, sidesplitting hilarious show?



Please consider joining us in March for another memorable presentation brought to you by gifted and hard-working West Michigan Homeschool students and families. Feel free to "Like" our West Michigan Homeschool Theatre FB page, to follow our progress!

Slip N Slide

by Heidi Tice



This year's Slip N Slides were very well attended. Fruitport Lions and Pine Park Football team members served up hundreds of hotdogs, chips and gallons of drinks. The Pine Park Football group provided two large sheets cakes at each event and no one went home unhappy. Pictured below are some of the winning smiles, and kids even stayed to help the Fire Department put away hoses. They might have just liked being on the Fire Truck themselves. See you next year. The dates for next year Slip N Slides will be in the May edition of Fruitport Area News.

Fruitport Public Safety



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